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REPORT ON MERCHANDISE LICENSES

NO ANNUAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

SENATOR KILLS JOINT RESOLUTION BY UNANIMOUS VOTE—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS BRINGS IN IMPORTANT REPORT COVERING THE SUBJECT OF MERCHANDISE LICENSES—AGENCIES MUST PAY HIGHER FEES THAN REGULAR WHOLESALERS

Two important matters came before the Senate this morning. The first was the joint resolution favoring the holding of annual sessions of the Legislature. This was killed by a unanimous vote, though it may come up in a much modified form, by which the bills will be prepared in advance through a special officer, or through a bureau appointed for that purpose. The second matter was the report of the committee on ways and means in regard to merchandise licenses.

This report is an attempt to handle the agency proposition in this city. The large wholesaler is allowed to get away with an annual license of \$100 per year, provided that he carries a stock which is worth in excess of \$15,000, while the man carrying a stock worth less than that amount must pay \$250 per year.

The retail licenses are small and a special section carries with it an exemption from all license of the fish peddlers, flower and lei sellers, etc.

THE SENATE

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

A message was received from Secretary Mott-Smith stating that Governor Frear had signed the House bills setting aside two tracts of land for parks at Hilo.

The judiciary committee refused to make any recommendation in regard to House bill 125 and asked that it be considered by the committee of the whole on next Monday. On motion of Coelho consideration was postponed till Monday, April 12, at 2 p. m. The bill is one amending the City and County Act. The same committee was unable to agree on any report in regard to the bill for the relief of John A. Cummins and returned the bill to the Senate which decided to consider it in the regular order of business.

Senator McCarthy introduced a bill for the regulation of water rates in Honolulu which passed first reading. The same action was taken on Makekau's bill to allow poor persons to prosecute civil actions as paupers.

ANNUAL SESSIONS.

The concurrent resolution for annual sessions of the legislature came up. Senator McCarthy moved indefinite postponement. Fairchild favored this action. Coelho supported a plan for the standing committees to continue in action. He complained of one of his bills, introduced on the first day of the session that is still in the hands of the judiciary. He moved to refer the resolution back to the judiciary.

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GOVERNOR WILL SIGN TENEMENT ACT; LOT OF BILLS PASS HOUSE

MERCHANTS DISLIKE ANNUAL SESSION IDEA—SUBURBANITES WILL HOLD RESERVOIR RECEPTION—TANGLE IN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS—HONOLULU CENTRAL HOSPITAL FOR PECULIARLY AFFLICTED. VACCINATION SAFEGUARDED PASSES—FISHING LAW.

Bills went kiting through final reading in the House this morning like scenes in a moving-picture show, the only hitch being the recommendation of Makekau's "judicial circuits" bill to the judiciary committee to get whipped into shape. Inasmuch as the measure provides, through faulty drafting, for putting some of West Hawaii into East Hawaii, and vice versa.

Douthitt arose to assure the House that the Governor approved his substitute bill for the vetoed "tenement

house" bill, and the substitute was passed on final reading and is ready for Senatorial action.

Amended so that there shall be but one central hospital for leprosy treatment before the final segregation of patients, and that in Honolulu, instead of having several on various islands, the bill for the care and treatment of those afflicted with the disease, passed House third reading; and the vac-

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JACK JOHNSON MUST PAY FINE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

NEW YORK CITY, April 1.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, has been convicted on a charge preferred by a negro girl here and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200.

CABRERA DENIES MILITARY MOVE

GUATEMALA, April 1.—President Cabrera insists upon his contradiction of the report that there has been a movement of Guatemalan troops towards the Honduran frontier.

NO AMERICAN TROOPS IN CUBA

HAVANA, Cuba, April 1.—The American army of pacification in this island is now out of existence. The last troops, with General Berry in command, sailed today for New York.

EXPLOSION KILLS MANY ON SHIP

CETTE, France, April 1.—In an explosion which took place on board the French oil bark Jules Henry here today, twelve men were killed and many injured.

ZEPPELIN SAFE FROM STORM'S FURY

MUNICH, April 1.—Count von Zeppelin, after being at the mercy of a storm in his airship for eleven hours, has made a safe descent.

THE MODIFIED PEARL HARBOR DRYDOCK PLANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—The Navy Department is preparing to modify its plans for the new drydock which is to be constructed at Pearl Harbor. The amount made available by Congress was not sufficient for the construction of the dock on the original lines, and it will have to be reduced to come within the appropriation provided, which is \$2,000,000, \$200,000 of which is made immediately available. The length of the drydock has been reduced from 1200 to 620 feet, and from a double to a single dock.

As now designed, however, it will take the largest battleship built or contemplated. The battleships authorized by the recent Congress for construction are the Wyoming and Arkansas, and these will be 554 feet in length. New bids for the dock will be opened on May 23.

All the features of the former design have been retained, excepting that where formerly there were two docks in one, an inner and an outer, with a caisson between them, in the new design there will be only the outer dock. The structure is planned in such a way that, at any future time it may be lengthened by the addition of the inner dock. The side walls of the dock will be built exactly as if the long dock were to be constructed, and a concrete wall will be placed across the head end, forming a closed basin. This concrete cross-wall or head is to be built in such a manner that it can be easily removed, while at the same

THE QUEEN RETURNS

DISAPPOINTED IN MISSION BUT HOPEFUL AS TO THE FUTURE OF HER CAUSE.

Former Queen Liliuokalani arrived home in the Siberia this morning from Washington, looking and feeling better than she has in ten years or more. She was accompanied by J. D. Almoku and Mrs. Joseph K. Aea, both of whom were with her during her stay in the capital city. At the steamer's dock the Queen was met by her business agent, Joseph K. Aea, and a large number of intimate friends. From the wharf Liliuokalani was driven to Washington Place, where she is spending the day quietly. A few intimate friends were received there during the morning.

Liliuokalani found Washington Place in considerable of a turmoil, carpenters and painters being at work putting it in order for the summer season. She will spend tonight there and tomorrow morning will move out to Waikiki to remain until her city residence is in order.

The Queen left Washington on March 16. She was accompanied to the train by Delegate Kuhio and wife and other friends. From there the party traveled via Chicago stopping there a while, and reached San Francisco a week ago last Saturday. Nearly a week was spent in the latter city, the homeward steamer being boarded last Friday.

If Liliuokalani feels disappointed as a result of the further suspension of her cause in Washington, she does not show it. Considering the arduous tour she has had, she appeared remarkably cheerful and even hopeful. She seems to have especial confidence in assurances recently given her of favorable action on her claim by the new administration. As to whether she will return to Washington again next winter she does not herself now know, that depending upon advice she may receive from her friends over there.

LEAL WILL BE NEW CHIEF

This afternoon Sheriff Jarrett appointed Joe Leal to be chief of detectives to succeed Jack Kalakela. He takes charge at once.

Kalakela will be appointed a special police officer, working under Leal.

COUNSEL FEES IN CRIMINAL CASES VETOED

Governor Frear has vetoed Representative Sheldon's bill providing for payment of fees to assigned counsel in criminal cases. He says the bill is ambiguous and badly worded, and under it several fees might have to be paid in one case.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

This season always brings on more or less diarrhoea which is promptly checked by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Get a bottle and be prepared for sudden attacks. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

TENGU JAPAN RICE.

The Tengu Japan Rice, a direct import from the fields of Japan which K. Yamamoto of Hotel street has received, is considered the best rice in Japan. Mr. K. Yamamoto is starting a rice mill here and expects a large trade.

SPECIAL DELINEATOR OFFER.

Sachs' will give the April Delineator free to all who will subscribe a year, beginning with the May number.

BRECKONS MAY HOLD THE JOB

NOMINATION OF ATKINSON LAPPED WITH THE CLOSE OF LAST SESSION—IF PRESIDENT TAFT CONSENTS TO REMOVE PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS BRECKONS WILL PROBABLY BE RETAINED—OTHERWISE ANOTHER WYOMING MAN MAY SUCCEED HIM.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—The question of naming a United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii has come up to President Taft for settlement.

Just prior to the close of President Roosevelt's administration, the resignation of R. W. Breckons was presented to him by Senator Warren of Wyoming. Mr. Breckons' resignation was tendered because, growing out of the recent charges made against him, the Department of Justice decided that the United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii should not be permitted to take Territorial criminal or corporation practice. This restriction would limit the income of the incumbent to practically the salary paid by the government, of \$3,000 per year, and under these conditions Mr. Breckons decided that he did not care to retain the place.

When his resignation was presented President Roosevelt stated that he would like to have him remain in office until certain important matters in his charge were closed up. Later pressure was brought for the appointment of Mr. Atkinson, and his name was unexpectedly sent to the Senate in nomination for the place. The nomination was referred to the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands, the chairman of which was Senator Foraker. No action was taken upon it by the committee, and it lapsed with the close of the session. Senator Warren of Wyoming now has the matter up with President Taft, and if, under the new administration, the restrictions relative to outside practice by the district attorney should be removed, Mr. Breckons probably will be retained in the position. If the administration should decide not to remove the restrictions, Senator Warren probably will recommend for appointment a Wyoming attorney who will be willing to take the place.

IMMENSE SUM SPENT TO LITTLE EFFECT

CITIZENS OF COUNTY OF HAWAII CRY OUT FOR A COUNTY ENGINEER TO STOP WASTE OF MONEY—NEARLY \$264,000 EXPENDED IN CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS OF ROADS WITHOUT ANY APPARENT PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT.

HILO, March 31. — (Hawaii Herald Daily News.) At the meeting of citizens of the County of Hawaii called to consider the appointment of a competent engineer to the office of Road Engineer of the County, held on Saturday, March 27, in Firemen's Hall, Hilo, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, during the years 1907-1908, the sum of \$263,989.57 has been expended in the construction of roads and repair of roads in the County of Hawaii, without results commensurate with such an expenditure, or without any apparent permanent improvement in the condition of the roads;

And whereas, we believe such lack of results is caused wholly by the absence of competent and qualified supervision;

And whereas, such supervision can be had only with the services of a trained road engineer, who would be able to intelligently and economically lay out and supervise the construction and repair of roads;

Therefore be it resolved by the citizens of the County of Hawaii, after due notice here assembled for the purpose of considering the appointment

of an engineer: That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hawaii be hereby requested and urged to engage forthwith the services of such an engineer who shall be competent, qualified and experienced in road work; that said engineer be invested with full authority in constructing and repairing all County roads in this County, and that he shall expend on construction and repairs of roads in the various districts such sums as may be apportioned to those districts by vote of the Board of Supervisors.

That the Supervisors be asked to consider well the suggestions made by Mr. James Gibb, of Paunah, that three commissioners be appointed from

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